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Special Announcement

Register for the 5th Annual Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development, in partnership with the Washington Council of Agencies,* will hold the 5th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference at the GWU Marvin Center on October 21, 2003. This year's theme will be "Partnerships: Creating Opportunities for All." The all day conference will include informational and "how to" sessions on a variety of topics such as area funding trends and strategies, e-grants, technology, board development, evaluation, and more. The cost will be $45. To register, go to:
https://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=10140.

Federal Opportunities

Advanced Technological Education (ATE). *The National Science Foundation (NSF),* through its ATE program, promotes improvement in technological education at the undergraduate and secondary school levels by supporting curriculum development; the preparation and professional development of college faculty and secondary school teachers; internships and field experiences for faculty, teachers, and students; and other activities. The program focuses on the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive our nation's economy. Eligible applicants include two-year colleges and other associate degree-granting institutions. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2003. Approximately $40 million is available to fund approximately 75 awards. For further information,

go to:
www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03523/nsf03523.htm.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP). *The National Science Foundation (NSF)* announces funds to enhance the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instructional and outreach programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Support is available for implementation projects and planning grants. Eligible applicants include HBCUs that are accredited and that currently offer associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees in STEM fields. The deadline for applications is December 5, 2003. Approximately $13 million is available to award 10 implementation projects and 6 planning grants. For further information, contact Victor Santiago at (703) 292-4673-phone, (703) 292-9018-fax, or vsantiag@nsf.gov; or go to:
http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf03594

Region III Urban Initiative Grants. *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to: 1) detect any diversion of highly toxic pesticides from the agriculture sector into urban areas for illegal use indoors; 2) identify any ongoing misuse of agricultural pesticides in urban and residential communities; and 3) prevent future diversion and structural application of pesticide misuse through compliance assistance and education. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state agencies, universities, and institutes of higher learning. The deadline for applications is October 3, 2003. Approximately $60,000 is available. For further information, contact Fatima El Abdaoui at (215) 814-2129-phone, (215) 814-3113-fax, or

El-Abdaoui.Tafima@epa.gov; or go to: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-23275.htm. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Postsecondary Education (OPSE)* announces funds to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign language. Eligible applicants include: 1) institutions of higher education; 2) combinations of institutions of higher education; 3) partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and 4) nonprofit agencies and organizations. The deadline for applications is November 5, 2003. Approximately $2 million is available to fund 28 awards, ranging from $40,000-$130,000. For further information, contact Christine Corey at (202) 502-7629 or christine.corey@ed.gov; or go to: www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-23182.txt.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm for the following notices:

Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD), FY 2003 Latchkey, CPR and First Aid Grant, due September 12, 2003, at 5pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, due September 26, 2003.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO), Grant-In-Aid, due October 17, 2003, at 3pm.

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

Foundation Opportunities

Access to Cultural Heritage. *The Museum Loan Network (MLN)* seeks to make objects of cultural heritage more accessible and understandable to the public by encouraging collecting institutions to share these works over extended periods of time. Funding and technical assistance are provided to encourage partnerships, particularly among museums of differing size, location, focus, or cultural specificity. Eligible applicants include nonprofit borrowing and lending institutions or agencies of the local, state, or federal government. The deadline for applications is December 5, 2003. For further information, go to: http://loanet.mit.edu/main_grant.html.

Bricks and Mortar. *The Kresge Foundation* primarily makes challenge grants for building construction or renovation through its Bricks and Mortar Program. Grants are also given for the purchase of major equipment and real estate. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in the areas of higher education, health care and long-term care, human services, science and the environment, arts and humanities, and public affairs. Governmental agencies are also eligible. The Foundation will accept proposals throughout the year, but only one per institution in any twelve-month period. Grants range between $150,000-$600,000. For further information, go to: http://www.kresge.org/programs/index.htm.

Environmental Education. *The Captain Planet Foundation* supports hands-on environmental projects. The foundation works to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods. Eligible applicants include schools and nonprofit organizations that organize local environmental programs involving children and youth ages 6-18. The deadline for submitting applications is December 31, 2003. The foundation accepts applications only through their online application form. Grants generally range from $250-$2,500. For additional information, contact Sona Chambers at captain.planet.foundation@turner.com; or go to: http://www.captainplanetfdn.org.

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Reproductive Health. *The Anna Lalor Burdick Program of the Lalor Foundation* seeks to educate young women about reproductive health. Particular focus is given to young women who may have inadequate access to such information, including the subjects of abortion and contraception. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2003. Grants range from $10,000-$50,000. For further information, contact Pamela Labonte Maksy, Lalor Foundation, c/o Grants Management Associates, 77 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110-1006, (617) 426-7172 x 314, (617) 426-5441-fax, or pmaksy@grantsmanagement.com; or go to: http://www.lalorfound.org.

Safe Boating. *The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water* supports innovative grassroots programs that encourage safe recreational boating or environmental stewardship for boaters. The focus topic for the 2004 Boating Safety Grant Program is Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Education for Boaters. Eligible applicants include volunteer nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2003. Grants of up to $5,000 are available. For further information, contact the foundation at dcarter@boatus.com or call (410) 897-0949; or go to: http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Grants/index.htm

Science and Math Education. *The Toshiba America Foundation (TAF)* seeks to improve K-6 science and math education by supporting classroom projects. Projects must be innovative and engage young people in hands-on learning or enhance the current curriculum. All applicants are encouraged to review national mathematics and science standards when designing a project. For more information on the standards, visit the following web sites: www.nctm.org (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) and www.nsta.org (National Science Teachers Association). Eligible applicants include any K-6 teacher in a public or private (nonprofit) school. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2003. Grants will be awarded to the teacher's school and will be restricted for use by the teacher in his/her classroom. Before submitting a completed proposal, teachers are encouraged to contact the Foundation. For further information, contact TAF at (212) 596-0620 or foundation@tai.toshiba.com; or go to: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html.

Resources & Announcements

Assessing Startup Organizations. *Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO)* offers **"**Tool for Assessing Startup Nonprofits: A Due Diligence Supplement for Grantmakers." The document is designed for use by funders assessing a grant application from a startup nonprofit. The publication includes suggested interview questions and worksheets to supplement funders' regular due diligence of startup organizations. The publication is available for free in PDF format. To download, go to: www.geofunders.org.

Communication. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* initiated an online discussion forum with CharityChannel.com - DCMetro@CharityChannel.com. Dedicated to partnerships, resource development, and grants in the DC metropolitan area, the email-based system provides a method for online communication among governments, nonprofits, community organizations, foundations, and businesses. This e-mail list is moderated (i.e., you'll see no spam). Subscribe by sending an email message to: Listserv@CharityChannel.com, the subject is ignored, and in the text write, "subscribe DCMetro firstname lastname" (e.g. subscribe DCMetro Michael Smith). Once subscribed, all members can send e-mail messages, and they will be automatically sent to every subscriber.

ePhilanthropy. *ePhilanthropyFoundation.org* is devoted to fostering secure, private, and ethical online philanthropy. Its major focus is nonprofit organizations and the publics they serve, and fostering an online environment in which donors and potential donors can feel secure about their online transactions with nonprofit organizations. It offers a free e-newsletter that seeks to keep its readers up-to-date on important new items, research and best practices related to the use of the Internet for philanthropic purposes. For further information, go to: http://www.ephilanthropy.org/site/PageServer.

Federal Government Grant Find and Apply Initiatives. *The e-Grants Initiative (also called Grants.gov)* is one of 24 e-Government programs that the Federal Government has mandated as part of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. This government-wide

initiative calls for the development of a one-stop electronic grant portal where potential grant recipients will receive full service electronic grant administration. Grants.gov's "Find Grant Opportunities" (FIND) feature is now available. This newest addition to the Grants.gov site allows you to search for information on competitive grant opportunities from all 26 federal grant-making agencies from one location. You can also register to be notified automatically of future grant opportunities as they are added to the site. After October 1, 2003, all competitive grant announcements will be posted on Grants.gov. The "Apply for Grants" (APPLY) feature allows grantors to post grant application packages and grant seekers to access and submit applications – all in a single, online location. The APPLY feature will be launched on October 31, 2003. The Grants.gov team has created a range of online customer support tools to help grantors and grant seekers transition from current processes to using Grants.gov. For more information, go to the site - www.Grants.gov - or contact 1-800-518-GRANTS or support@grants.gov.

Fundraising Workshop. *The DC Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board's Charitable Games Division* invites you to attend its Annual Gaming Workshop "Putting Fun Into Fundraising." As the licensing agent for all charitable gaming in the city, DC Lottery will show you how to develop financially successful Monte Carlo Night Parties, Raffles and Bingo events. Hands-on training in licensing and application procedures, as well as gaming demonstrations, will be provided. This free event will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2003, from 8:30am-4:00pm, Panorama Room, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1600 Morris Road, SE, Washington, DC. The Anacostia Metro Station is nearby and free parking is available. Seating is limited to no more than 2 reps per organization. To reserve your space, submit an application - available at http://lottery.dc.gov/main.shtm - or call (202) 645-8071 by September 17, 2003.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit

and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but does require an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

New Federal Grant Application Requirement. *The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)* has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers will be required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting http://www.dnb.com/us/.

Nonprofit Feedback Needed. *The Touch DC Coalition* formed last year to encourage people in the Washington area to become loyal contributors to regional nonprofits through e-philanthropy at www.TouchDC.org. The Coalition is preparing for a major multi-media public awareness campaign in November and December 2003 to encourage residents to give to local nonprofits. Information gathered from a survey of local nonprofits will be used in the aggregate and will help the Touch DC Coalition build a case for donors and the media that our region's nonprofits need donations and volunteers. Please help by participating in this brief survey by September 30: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=31199262241.

Supplemental Services. *The U.S. Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)* will host a forum on the topic of supplemental services in relation to the No Child Left

Behind Act. The U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, will be the keynote speaker. Representatives of American Institutes for Research, the Colorado Department of Education, and Sylvan Education Solutions will make additional presentations. This free event will take place on Thursday, September 25, from 2-3:30pm at the U.S. Capitol, Room HC-5. To RSVP, please e-mail OII.RSVP@ed.gov with your name, title, organization name, work address, phone and fax numbers. Registration closes September 22, 2003. For further information, contact Amber Hutchinson at (202) 401-0850.

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